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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU DEPARTS FOR NEW YORK

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1. GOC PRESIDENT SPYROS KYPRIANOU LEFT CYPRUS SEPT 28 TO ATTEND UNGA IN NEW YORK. HE WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN ATHENS ENROUTE. DEPARTURE WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALECOS MICHAELIDES, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND OTHER DIGNITARIES. PRESIDENT DELIVERED DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND ANSWERED SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM PRESS.
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2. IN STATEMENT, PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED BY REPTITION THAT SEARCH FOR SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE WITHIN U.N. FRAMEWORK. HE SAID HE WOULD UNDERLINE IN HIS ADDRESS TO UNGA THAT, DUE TO TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE, NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON PROBLEM AND THAT U.N. HAD OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT ITS RESOLUTIONS. IN ANSWER TO

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QUESTION, KYPRIANOU SAID HE COULD NOT FORECAST OUTCOME
OF MEETING WITH PESIDENT CARTER BUT BELIEVED IT WOULD
PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SET OUT TO U.S. PRESIDENT
CYPRUS' VIEWS ON PROBLEM AND ON ROLE U.S. COULD PLAY IN
EXERTING PRESSURE ON TURKEY. HE SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT
TIMING OF ANY U.S. INITIATIVE, WHICH WOULD DEPEND ON U.S.
ASSESSMENT AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK, BUT THAT AS
FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THERE WAS "READINESS FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE."

3. ASKED WHAT HIS POSITION WAS ON PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL
UNITY GOVERNMENT FOR CYPRUS (A PROPOSAL BEING PUSHED BY
COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY), KYPRIANOU RESPONDED: "THE QUESTION
OF FORMING A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT IS ONE THAT FALLS
WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC AND WILL BE A MATTER FOR THE PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED
NEXT FEBRUARY TO DECIDE. THE MATTER HAS ITS PROS AND CONS.
THE SYSTEM IN CYPRUS IS PRESIDENTIAL AND NOT PARLIAMENTARY
AND, THEREFORE, IT IS UP TO THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF TO DECIDE
OBJECTIVELY WHAT, IN HIS VIEW, IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS."

4. UPON KYPRIANOU'S DEPARTURE, CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR FILLING POSITION AS ACTING PRESIDENT FELL UPON ALECOS
MICHAELIDES, 44-YEAR-OLD FIRST-TERM PARLIAMENTARIAN
WHO WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LAST WEEK (REFTEL).
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